



Larson Report

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E-NEWS

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Personnel (Vice-
Chair)

Parks, Energy and
Environment

Transportation,
Public Works and
Transit

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What would help
make Milwaukee
County Government
more accessible to
you?

Please call me or
send me an email
with your thoughts.

Dear Constituent,

Hope you are doing well and getting ready for warmer weather to come (and stay)! I am happy to say that it has now been one year since I took office as your Milwaukee County Supervisor for the 14th District. I am extremely grateful for your support and the privilege to serve you in this capacity. I also want to thank you for all the input and feedback you have given me over the last year. Your calls, emails, letters, neighborhood greetings, and participation in what's happening in Milwaukee County are greatly appreciated. I literally could not do my job without your support. So, on this first anniversary, I offer a heart-felt thank you! I look forward to continuing my service to you, my 52,000 bosses!

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Rain Garden at Holler Park

The [Garden District Neighborhood Association](#), in partnership with the Holler Park Neighborhood Association (NA), will be implementing a \$20K Rain Garden Training grant this year. We are looking for volunteers to help plant in Holler Park and join our "Train the trainer" program.

Planting will begin May 9th and continue thru May 17th. **We would like volunteers** to help out May 9th & 10th from 9am-4pm, May 11th-15th from 2:30pm-6pm, and May 16th & 17th from 9am-4pm. Anyone interested in the "Train the Trainer" program or volunteering may contact Chris Kuester @ christo36@juno.com or (414) 769 - 1815.

Holler Park NA is also looking for donations to help fund the garden paths. Sponsors of the garden paths will be mentioned in Holler Park NA publications and have an acknowledgment sign placed on the path to recognize their generous donation. For additional information, contact Chris Kuester- christo36@juno.com or (414) 769 - 1815.

What's new at the Airport

- On Saturday, April 25, Milwaukee General Mitchell International Airport hosted the second [Honor Flight](#), a chartered plane that flies WWII veterans to Washington, D.C. for the day to visit the WWII Memorial as well as a number of other monuments. Hundreds of family members came to the airport to see off or greet their veterans. The Honor Flights are organized locally by a group of dedicated volunteers. A special thank you to all of those volunteers and to our country's veterans.
- Just a heads-up (pun intended), now that the weather is clearing up runway construction and repair will continue. There may be slight shifts in takeoff and landing patterns while maintenance crews are busy on the runways.
- During my first month in office, as a member of the Transportation, Public Works, and Transit Committee, we worked on an agreement with SSP America. I am happy to announce that **Nonna Bartolotta's Restaurant** and **Alterra Coffee** have joined the airport's many fine businesses. This will help continue to show off Milwaukee's local flavor to travelers and tourists. Be sure to check them out the next time you travel!

Friendly Reminder, Please Keep Dogs Leashed

As the weather is getting better again, more folks are venturing out to enjoy our County Parks. If you are walking your dog, it is important to remember that Milwaukee County Parks are open to the public and that leash laws apply. Simply stated, please keep your dog on a leash at all times while in our County Parks. If you're looking for a place to let your dog run free, you're in luck. Please check out the growing number of [off-leash dog exercise](#) areas. A small portion of Humboldt Park will also be made into a dog-friendly area over the coming year. For more information on other dog-friendly park areas opening up, please click [here](#).

Community E-ouncements

Are you planning an event in the community that you would like to promote? If so, we'd like to help. Please send your community events, picnics, outings, park clean-ups, or any other events coming up so we can help spread the word in the E-Newsletters. Just send me an [email](#) with the details at least one week before the end of the month preceding the event or activity. Thanks! – CL

Chill on the Hill Returns!

The BVNA in conjunction with Milwaukee County Parks is proud to celebrate its fifth year of providing the Chill on the Hill concert series in Humboldt Park. The BVNA, in partnership with the Milwaukee County Parks, will host various local bands and family-friendly events every Tuesday evening throughout the summer, beginning May 26th.

The inspiration behind the event originated five years ago from BVNA co-founder Carol Pritzlaff Voss, whose grandmother relayed stories of music and dancing in Milwaukee County Parks. A life-long Bay View resident, Voss found herself dreaming of ways to revive Humboldt Park's glory years, and the Chill on the Hill was born. "The BVNA and Milwaukee County Parks gave encouragement to develop the concept. The result was a really solid concert series for attendees and sponsors," stated Voss, who continues as Chairperson for Chill on the Hill.

Opening acts comprised of local groups begin the fun at 6:00 pm with bands taking the stage at 6:30 pm. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the eclectic mix of music. Additionally, there will be refreshments and concession trucks from the Milwaukee County Parks as well as various local restaurants and businesses.

The event has attracted a growing number of attendees, averaging a nightly 1,200 last year. “The BVNA is thrilled to have such great support for Chill on the Hill from our local businesses and neighbors. This event is designed to bring our community together, and we get the chance to do that 15 times a summer,” added Patty Pritchard-Thompson, BVNA President and another life-long Bay View resident.

For more information, check out the Bay View Neighborhood Association’s [website](#).

Mortgage foreclosure assistance available

A lot of people in Milwaukee County are facing difficult economic circumstances. This has been evidenced by the sharp increase in sheriff's mortgage foreclosures.

There is help for people facing mortgage foreclosures.

Those who are encountering financial difficulties can receive credible (not predatory) sources of assistance. Information is available at: www.milwaukeehousinghelp.org. The resources listed at that site have been made available to all County residents.

The information on home purchasing in the City of Milwaukee is open to everyone in the County who interested in purchasing a home in Milwaukee.

Port alert to residents—May 5 Homeland Security event is an exercise, not real event

Public Notice

The Board of Harbor Commissioners wished to inform Bay View residents that a large-scale exercise will be conducted by Homeland Security May 5. The port wants to inform its neighbors that the event is only an exercise so that the public will not panic or fear that a real terror event is underway.

The Port of Milwaukee will be the scene of an exercise organized by Homeland Security to play out the events should a real incident happen. More than 600 personnel and over 100 boats and response vehicles will be on the scene.

This exercise will help prepare emergency crews, military personnel and

others in responding to such an unthinkable event.

On **May 5, 2009 from 8am to 3pm** the Port's **Terminal 1 area** (Lake Michigan side docks) will have members of the WI Dept. of Natural Resources, the U.S. Army Decon Unit, the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Fire Department, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Port staff reacting as if a real terrorist attack has taken place.

The Hoan Bridge will **NOT** be shut down during this event. Access into Jones Island may be limited to emergency responders only during this time.

More information about the May 5 event will be published on bayviewcompass.com when that info is made available.

For more information, contact

Betty Nowak

Port of Milwaukee

414-286-8131

bnowak@milwaukee.gov

Swine Influenza

With the recent reports of Swine Flu in the country, it is important to know the facts of Swine Flu is, how to avoid it, and what to do if you suspect that you or someone you love has symptoms. The link below, provided by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, is a great rundown of these frequently asked questions:

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu_you.htm

May Neighborhood Group Meetings:

Oklahoma Gardens Neighborhood Association

Contact: Wendy Safron at (414) 643-0766

No meeting in May

Holler Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: President, Chris Kuester at 769-1815

May Meeting

When: Monday, May 25, 7:00p.m.

Where: Holler Park Easter Seals Pavilion

Uncas Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Connie Wilson

759-9009 (cell) or 762-6959 (home)

May Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 19, 6:30p.m.

Where: House of Hamburg, 5937 S Howell Ave.

Holt Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Diane Kosarzycki

(414) 645-1967

Call Diane for meeting information

Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association

Contact: Perry Buck

(414) 747-2470 (home) or (414) 759-1189 (cell)

May Meeting

When: May 18th 6:30

Where: St. Veronica's Church 353 E Norwich St. Johnson Hall –
basement of the church

Humboldt Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Ruth Simos at (414) 483-9330 r.simos@sbcglobal.net

Call Ruth for meeting information

City Meadows Neighborhood Association

Contact: Cindi Herzog at (414) 817-8000

<http://www.Citymeadows.org>

May Block Watch Training Session

When: Thursday, May 14, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Where: Sholes Education complex – 4965 South 20th St.

Town of Lake Neighborhood Association

Contact: Paul Gessner at (414) 482-2261

When: Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 6:30pm

Where: 4001 S. 6th Street (at the Water Tower)

Bay View Neighborhood Association

Contact: Patty Thompson at (414) 403-8003 or (414) 297-9783

bayviewneighborhood@gmail.com

<http://www.bayviewneighborhood.org>

Citizens Crime Analysis Meeting

When: Thursday, May 21, 6-7 p.m.

Where: District 2 Police Station - 245 West Lincoln Avenue

Wilson Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Scott Spiker at (414) 647-1774

May Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 6, 6:30p.m.

Where: Wilson Park Pavilion

Garden District Neighborhood Association

Contact: Michael Murphy at (414) 364-8762

May Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 18, 6:30p.m.

Where: 1122 W Boden Ct. 2nd Floor Conference Room

Tippecanoe Park Watch

Contact: 278-4252

No Meeting in May

Supervisor Larson Working on Your Behalf



Supervisor Larson addressed the Greater Milwaukee Committee's April Transit Panel. Transit panelists included (from left): Rod Clark from WisDOT; Ken Yunker from SEWRPC; Milwaukee County Supervisor Chris Larson; and philanthropist Michael Cudahy. The GMC's Julia Taylor served as moderator.



Supervisor Larson and Supervisor Dimitrijevic speaking at the April 24th MATC



“Driving toward 2020: The Sixth Annual Green Vehicles Workshop,”